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Viewing cable 10MOSCOW241, HILARION ON THE ROC'S ROLE IN RUSSIA'S DEVELOPMENT

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SUBJECT: HILARION ON THE ROC'S ROLE IN RUSSIA'S DEVELOPMENT

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Classified By: Ambassador John ...

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11. (C) Summary: In a January 28 conversation with the Ambassador, Archbishop Hilarion freely admitted that the Russian Orthodox Church (ROC) h
12. (C) In a January 28 conversation with the Ambassador, Head of the ROC's External Relations Division Archbishop Hilarion made the case for t
"Church diplomacy" takes on the IRF -----
13. (C) The ROC has been referred to as "a government within a government," a political entity as much as a theological one (reftel). As such,
14. (C) Notwithstanding these improved relations, the ROC in November struck a confrontational tone regarding the State Department's annual Int
15. (C) Hilarion defended the substance of the letter, saying that although "we are satisfied with the general dynamic," and "each report is be
"Managed democracy" just fine for the ROC -----
16. (C) On a more positive note, the Ambassador praised the ROC's ability to re-establish its moral authority and rebuild its institutions, in
17. (C) Appearing to borrow from the United Russia playbook, Hilarion essentially equated authoritarianism with stability, noting that "Russiar
18. (C) Hilarion made it clear that he sees a prominent role for the ROC in promulgating the GOR's current policies. Notwithstanding his claim
A longer road to travel in the social sphere -----
19. (C) Although the ROC has accomplished a great deal recently in its efforts to gain more social and political prominence, a significant gap
Comment -----
110. (C) In the absence of a widespread, active following MOSCOW 00000241 003 OF 003 among most people (at least in their day-to-day activities
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